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Re: IPI on transfer of copyright

DOE Employees, contractors and grantees are often asked to assign copyright or to grant a copyright license in works that they have authored as a condition precedent to the publication of their manuscripts, or making their presentations at conferences, and the like.

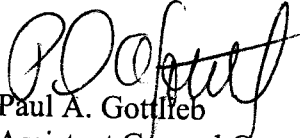
Such requests should be dealt with as follows:

In those instances where a manuscript or other copyrightable work is authored by a DOE employee acting within his or her official capacity, a copyright assignment or license should not be executed. In responding to a request for a copyright assignment or license, the following statement, suitably modified to reflect the circumstances, should be sent to the requester:

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